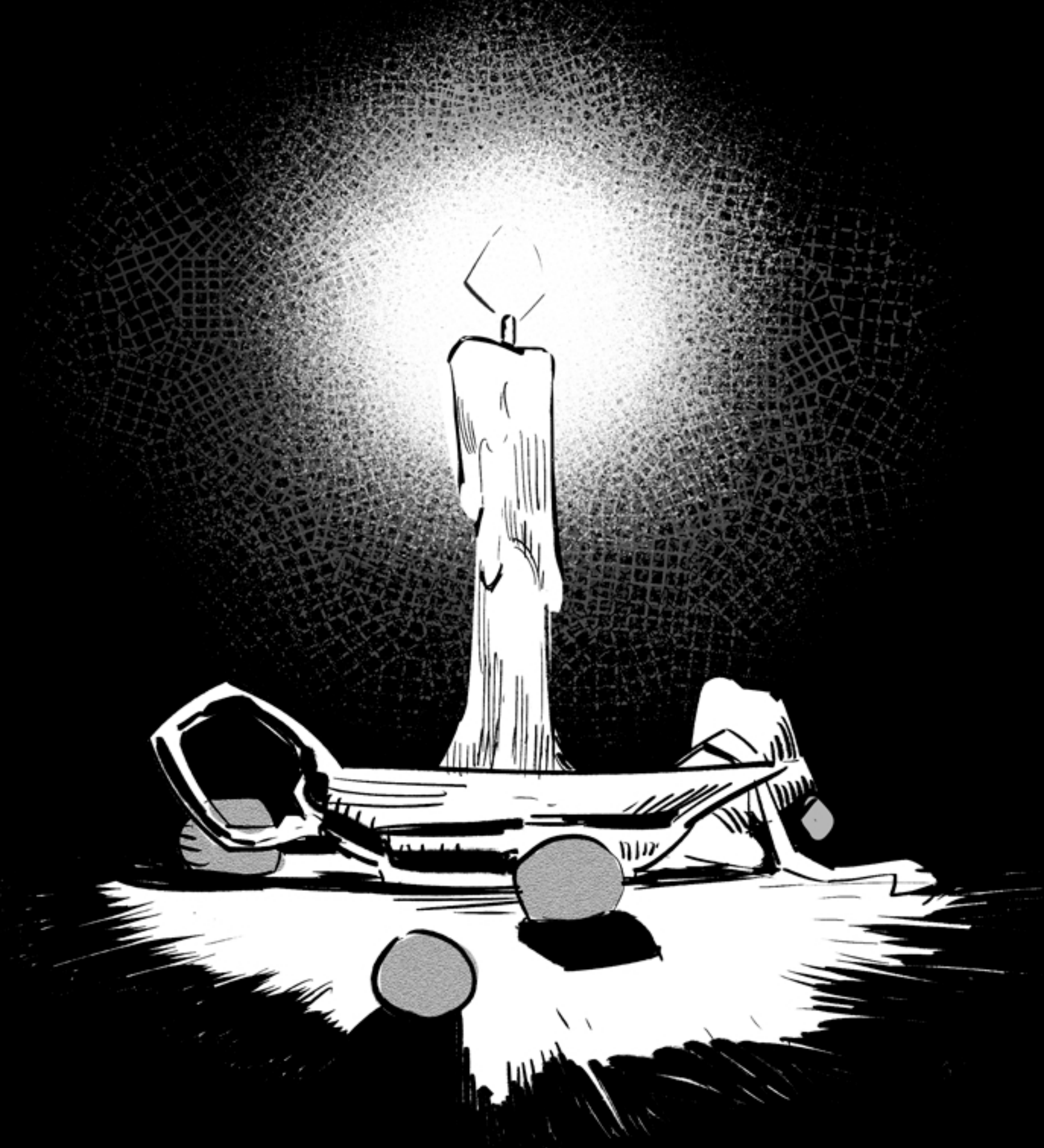


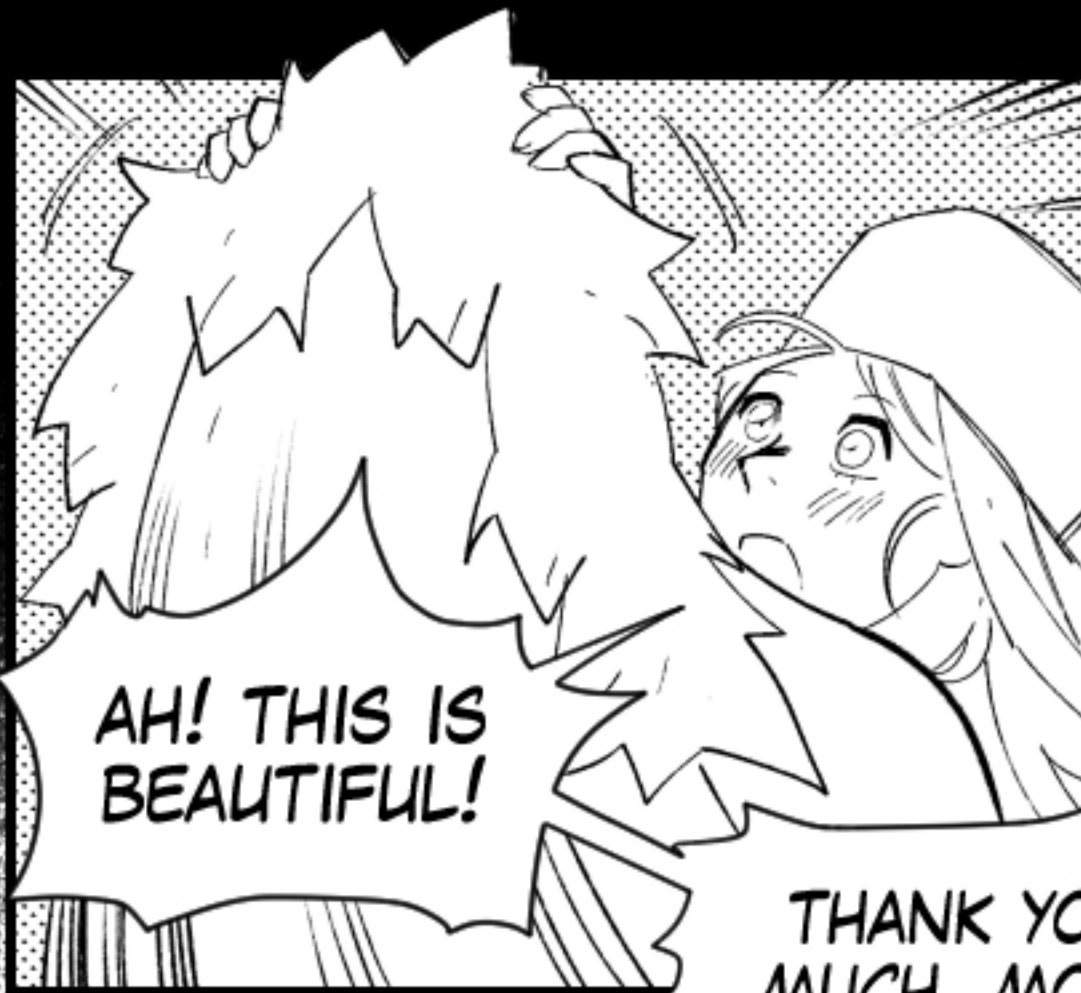
BOND BY FIRE

Chapter 11: Marzipans



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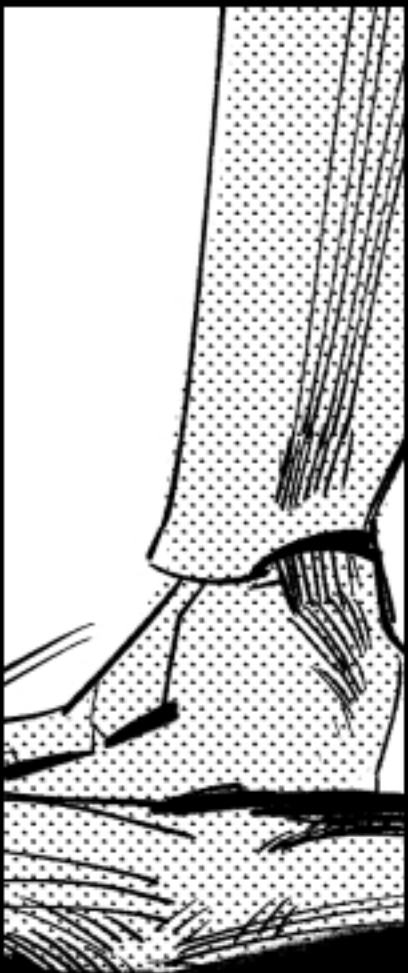
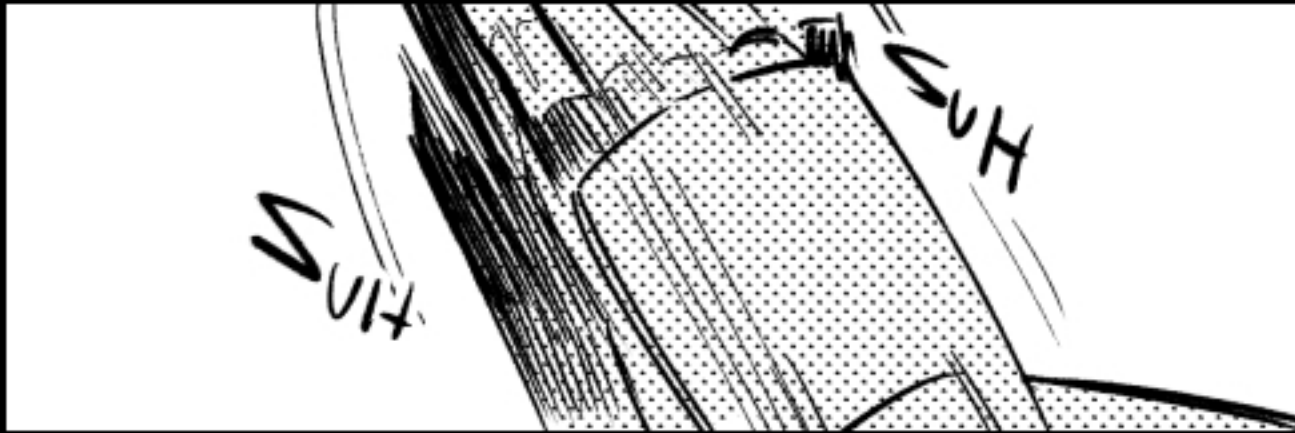
AH! THIS IS BEAUTIFUL!



THANK YOU SO MUCH, MOTHER!

IT IS A HIGH QUALITY FABRIC, MADE UP JUST FOR YOU
MERRY CHRISTMAS, PRINCESS.





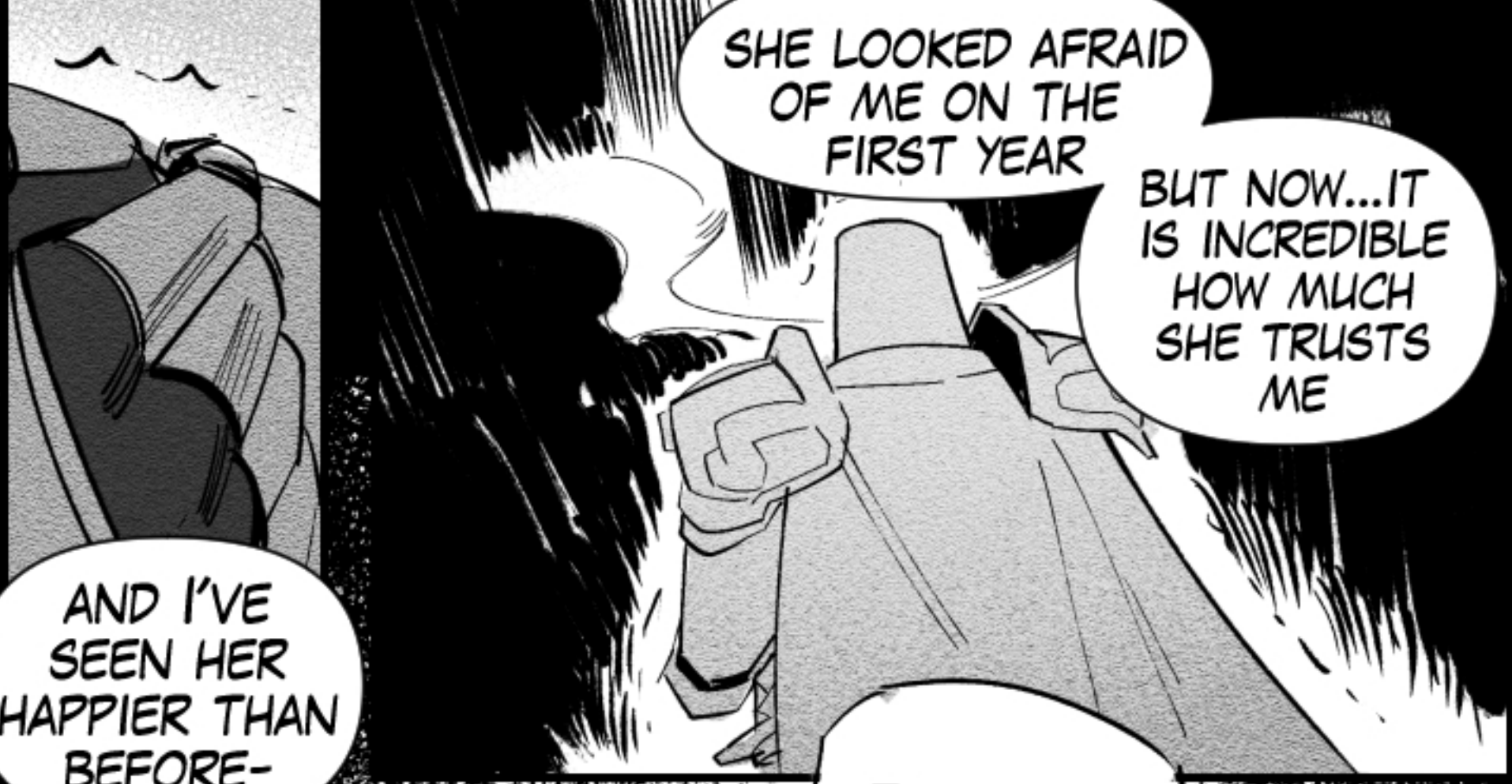


HEH.

ALMOST TWO
YEARS ALREADY

TWO YEARS SINCE
I BECAME THE PRINCESS'
PERSONAL KNIGHT

THOUGH I'VE GOT
TO KNOW HER
BETTER THIS YEAR



SHE LOOKED AFRAID
OF ME ON THE
FIRST YEAR

BUT NOW...IT
IS INCREDIBLE
HOW MUCH
SHE TRUSTS
ME

AND I'VE
SEEN HER
HAPPIER THAN
BEFORE-

I'M ACTUALLY
REALLY GRATEFUL
TO BE WORKING
WITH HER



TUNK

TUNK-



SHU-NG!

EEP!
RICARD!



PRINCESS!

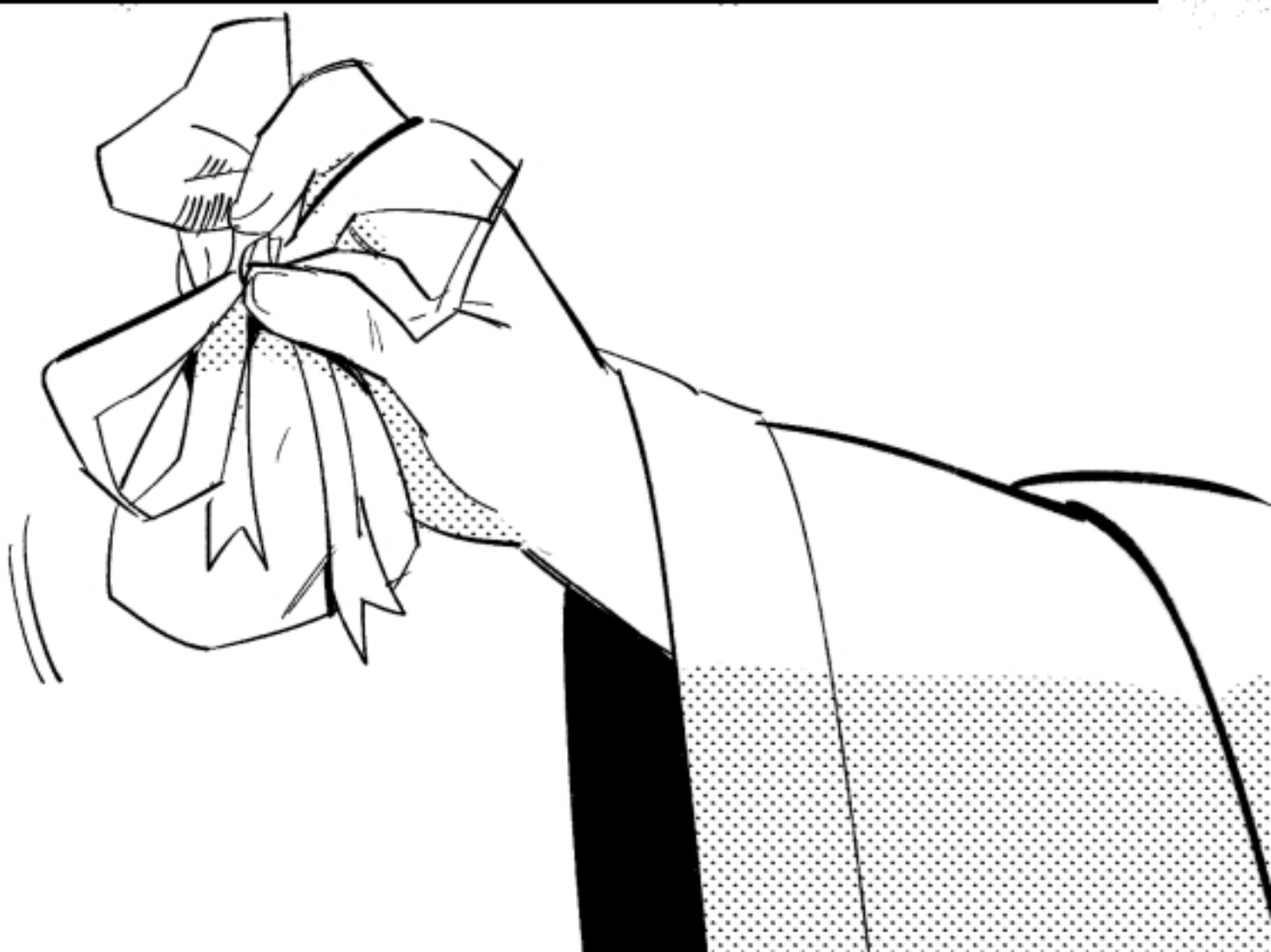
MY APOLOGIES,
BUT YOU
STARTLED ME-

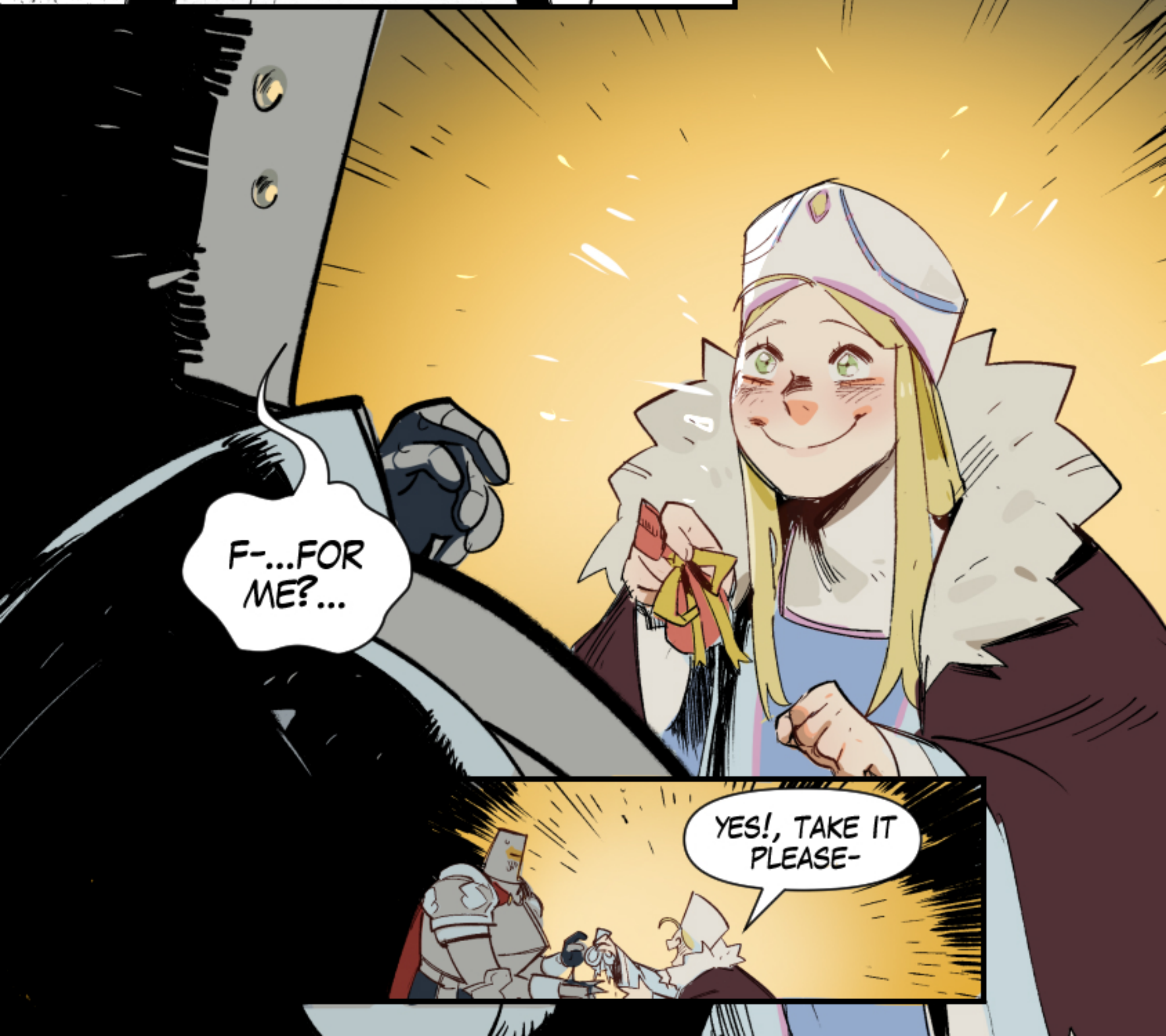
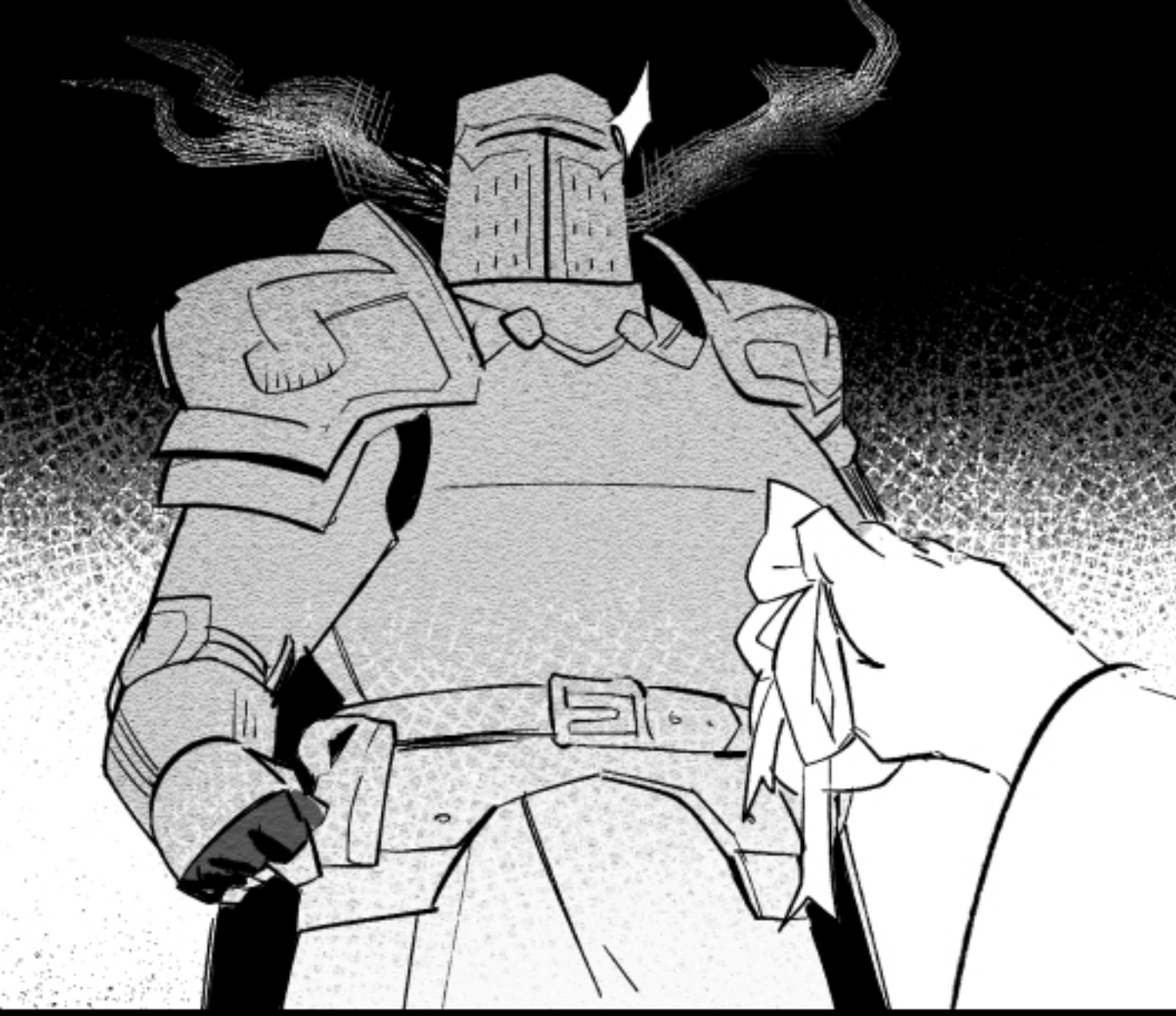
DO YOU NEED
ANYTHING?

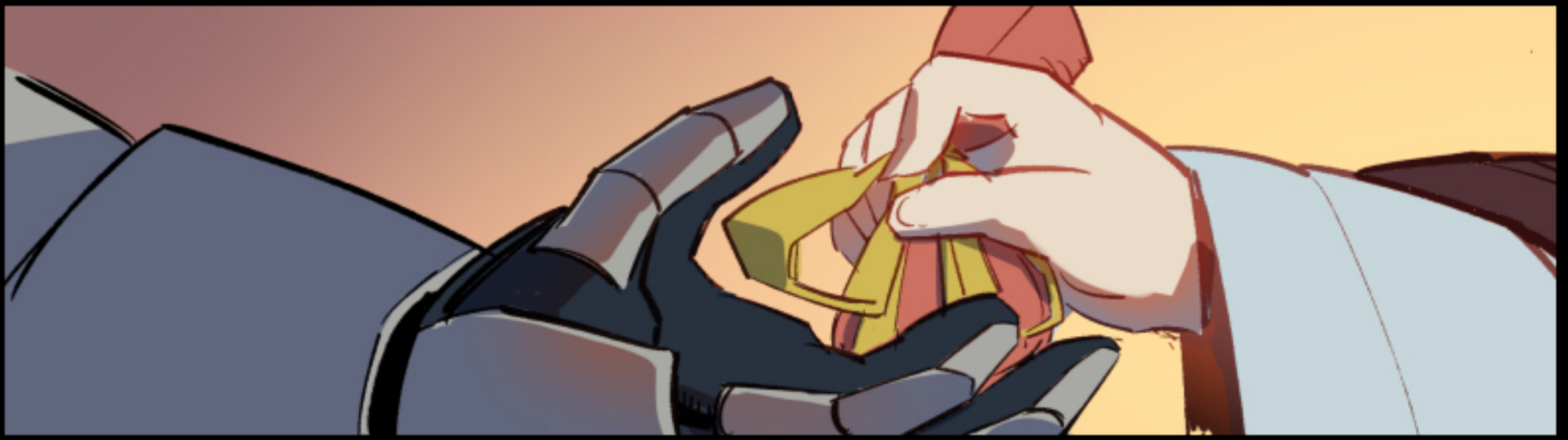
IT IS WAY TOO
COLD FOR YOU
TO BE OUT HERE
WITHOUT A-



REASON...







WHAT'S...
THIS?



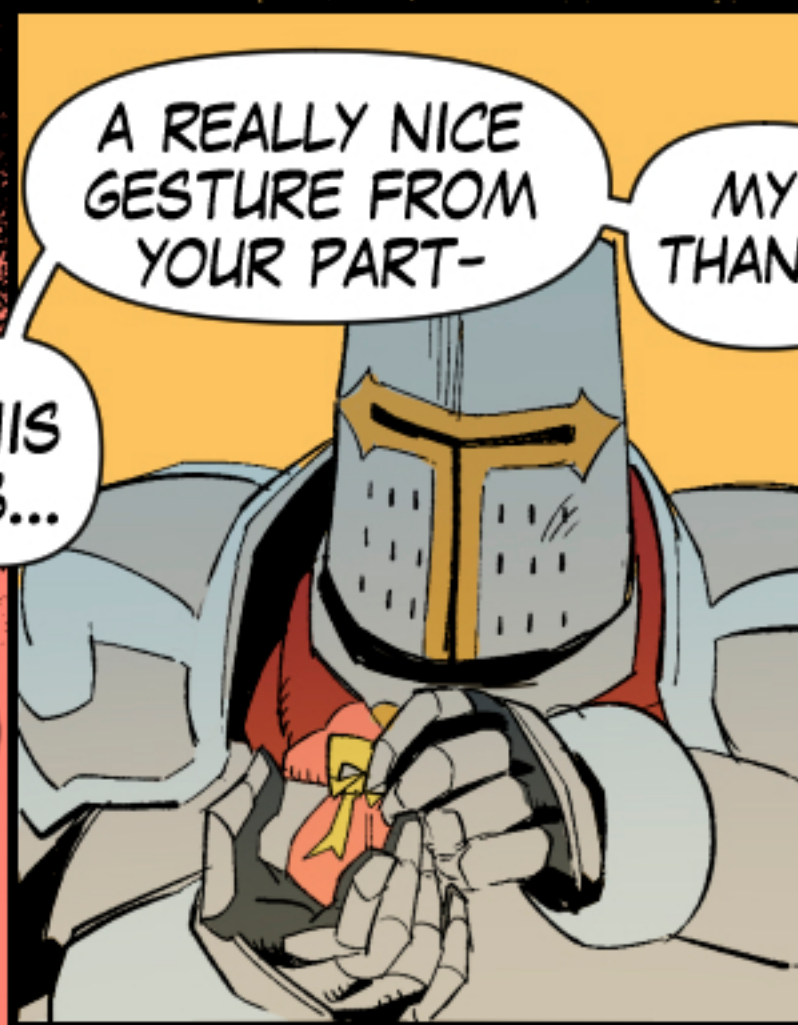
OPEN IT, PLEASE!





AH,
PRINCESS...

THIS
IS...



A REALLY NICE
GESTURE FROM
YOUR PART-

MY
THANKS



HUH-

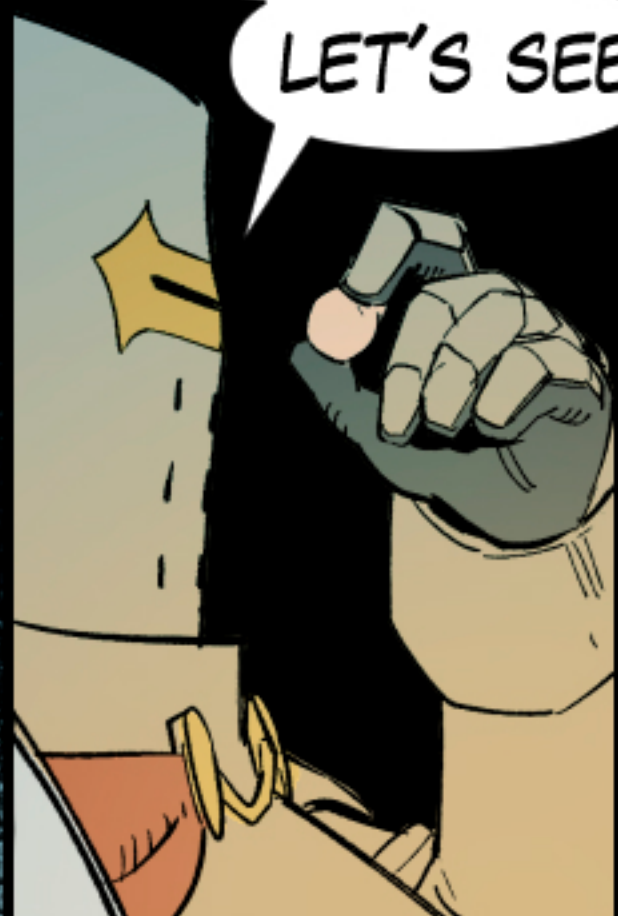
WHAT ARE
THESE?



THEY ARE
CALLED
"MARZIPANS"

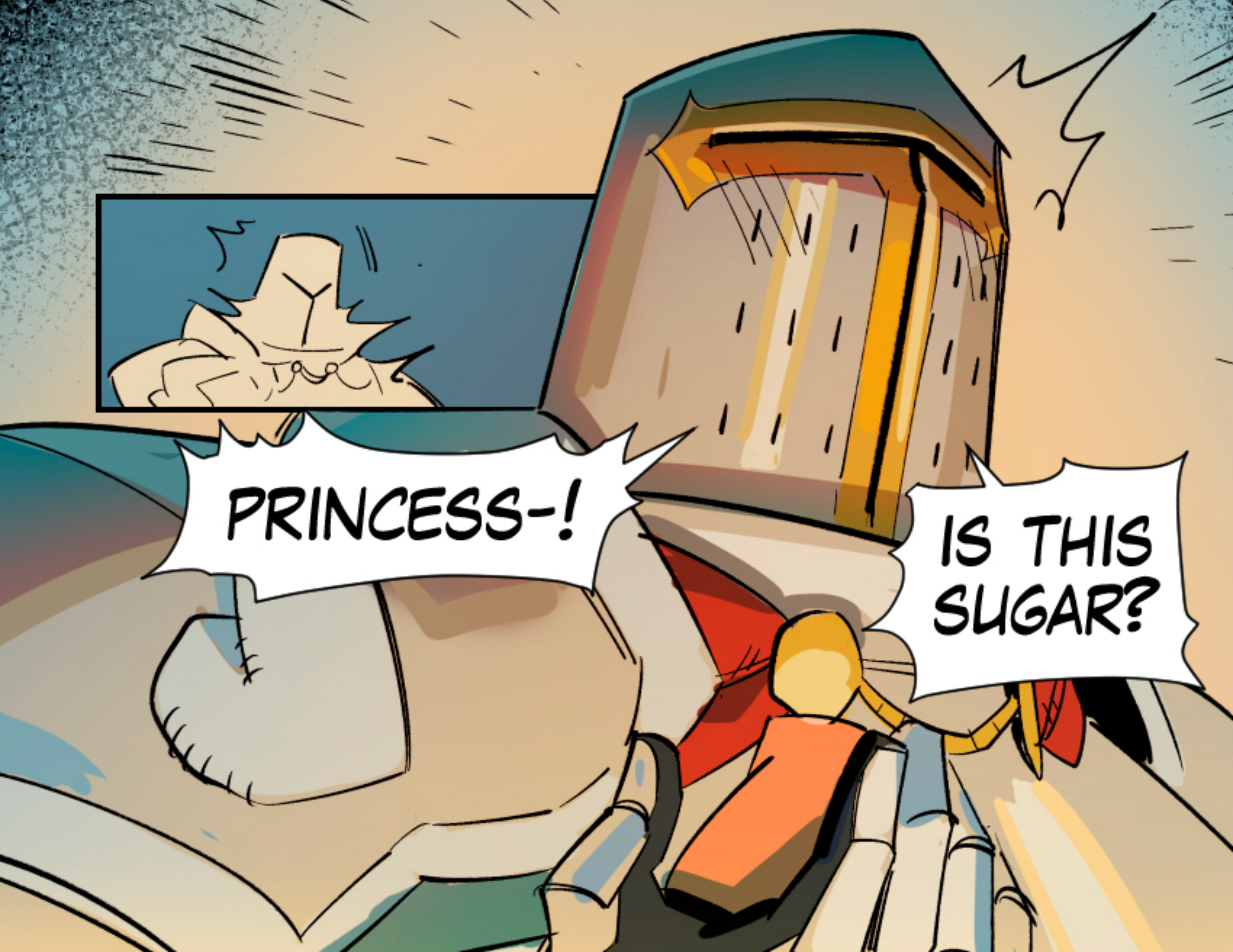
TRY ONE!

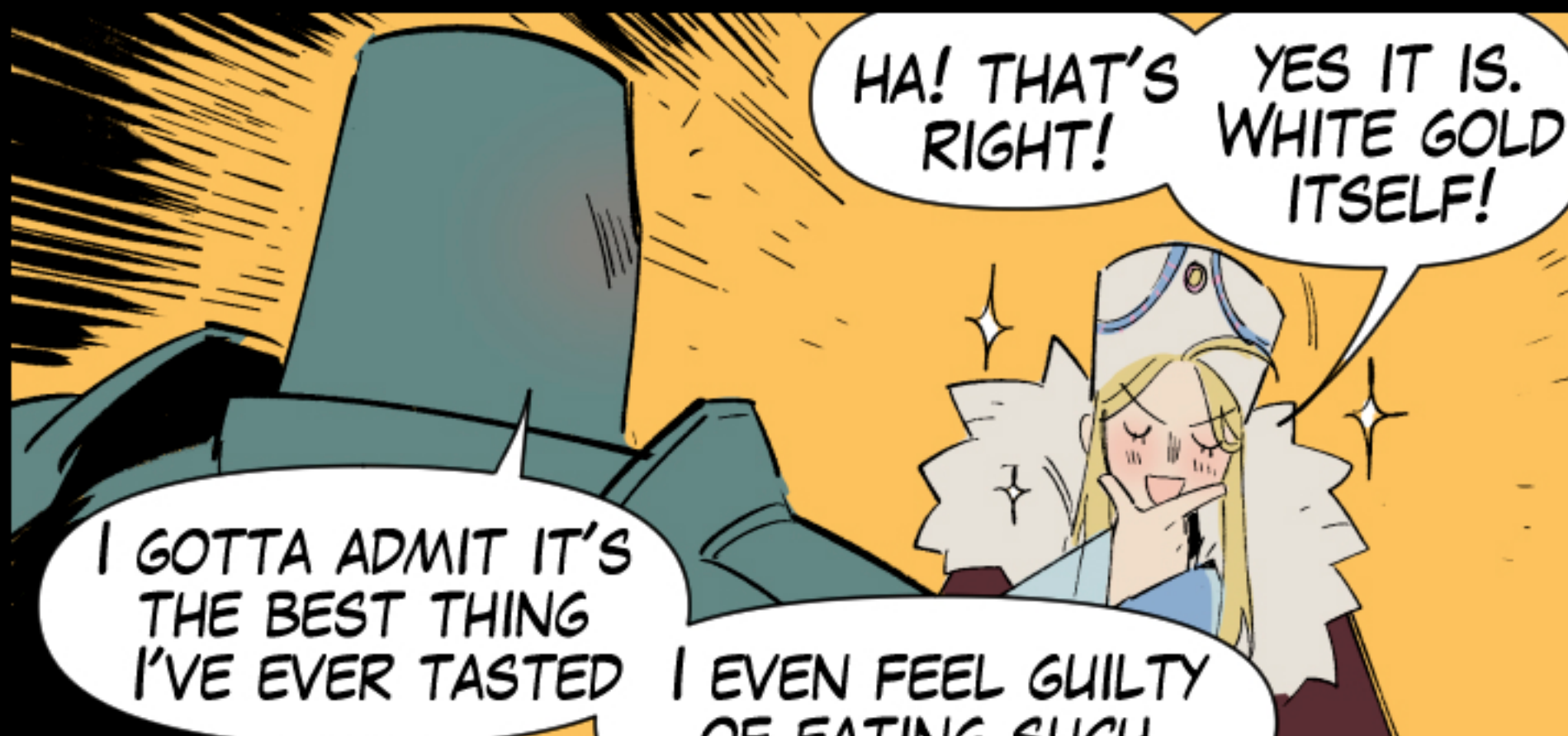
HM.
NEVER HEARD
OF THEM.
LET'S SEE



PRINCESS-!

IS THIS
SUGAR?





HA! THAT'S
RIGHT!

YES IT IS.
WHITE GOLD
ITSELF!

I GOTTA ADMIT IT'S
THE BEST THING
I'VE EVER TASTED

I EVEN FEEL GUILTY
OF EATING SUCH
LUXURY!

AH... PRINCESS,
THANK YOU SO
MUCH FOR
THIS GIFT

NONSENSE!

YOU DESERVE SO
MUCH MORE-



YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE
YOU HAVE RECIEVED MANY
GIFTS IN YOUR LIFE, ISN'T IT?





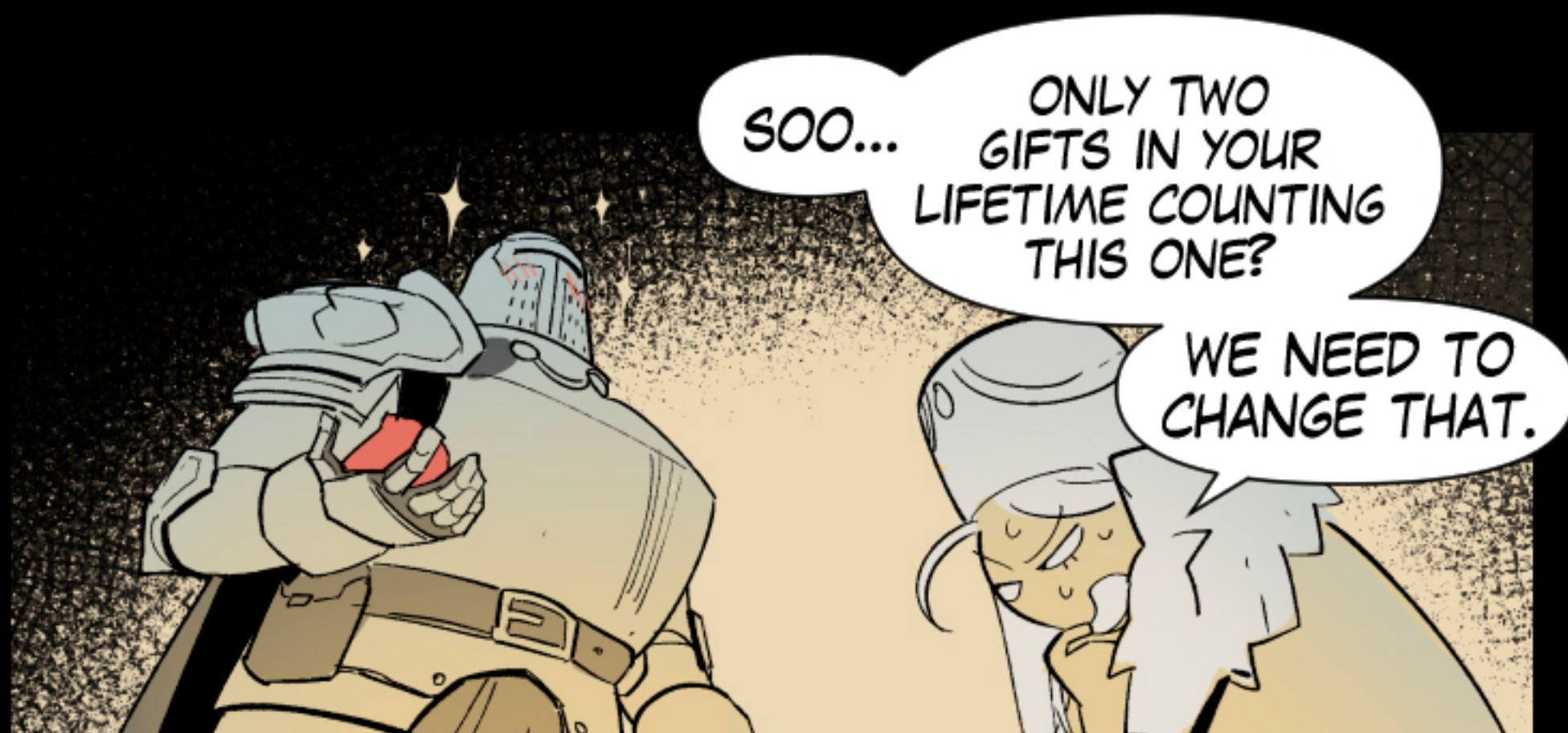
HM-
WELL...

WHEN I WAS A KID
I RECIEVED A
CHRISTMAS GIFT

I STILL
HAVE IT.

IT HAS ALWAYS
BEEN USEFUL







IT HAS BEEN SOME
TIME ALREADY
SINCE SOMEONE
WAS GOOD TO ME

IT FEELS STRANGE.

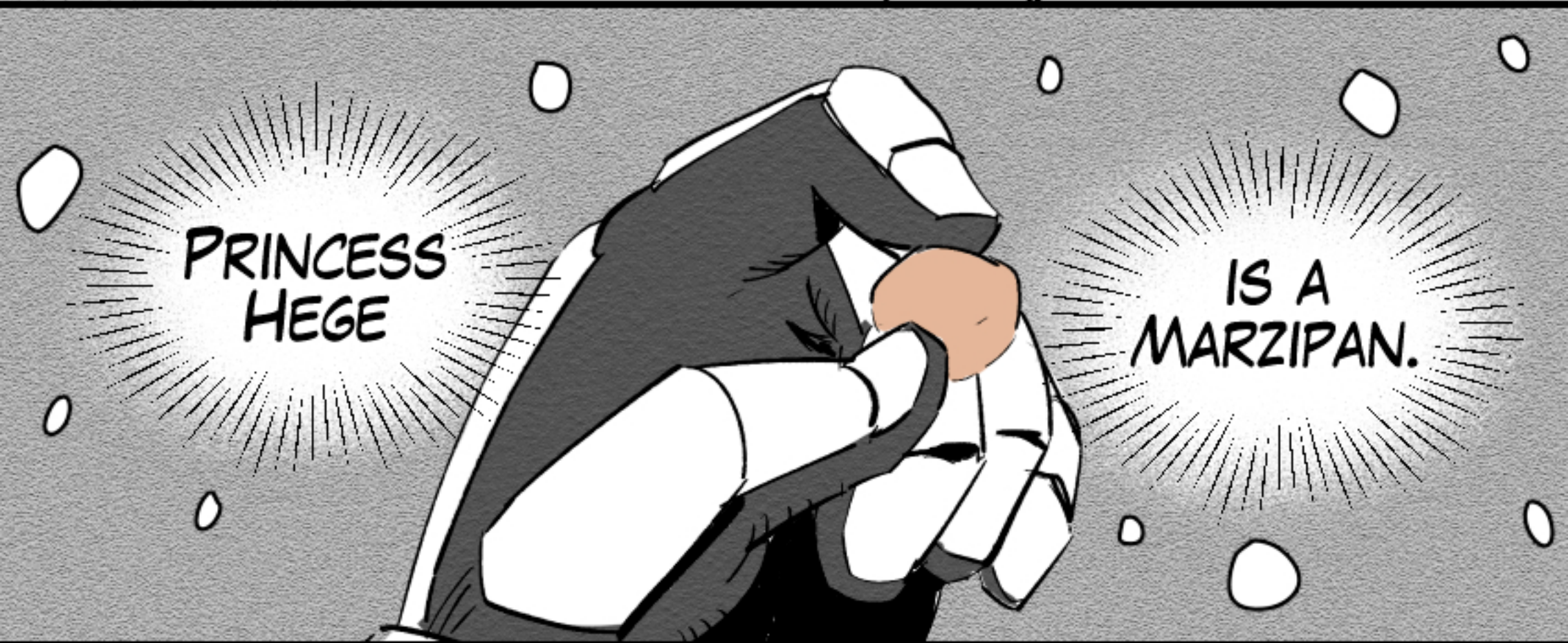




FEELS...
WARM.

THE PRINCESS
IS SO SWEET...

EVEN WITH
SOMEONE LIKE ME.



PRINCESS
HEGE

IS A
MARZIPAN.







22IP-
TWO DAYS
ALREADY OF
THIS COLD-

AND IT'S NOT
GOING AWAY...

MORNIN',
SLEEPING BEAUTY

HOW'S
THE COLD?

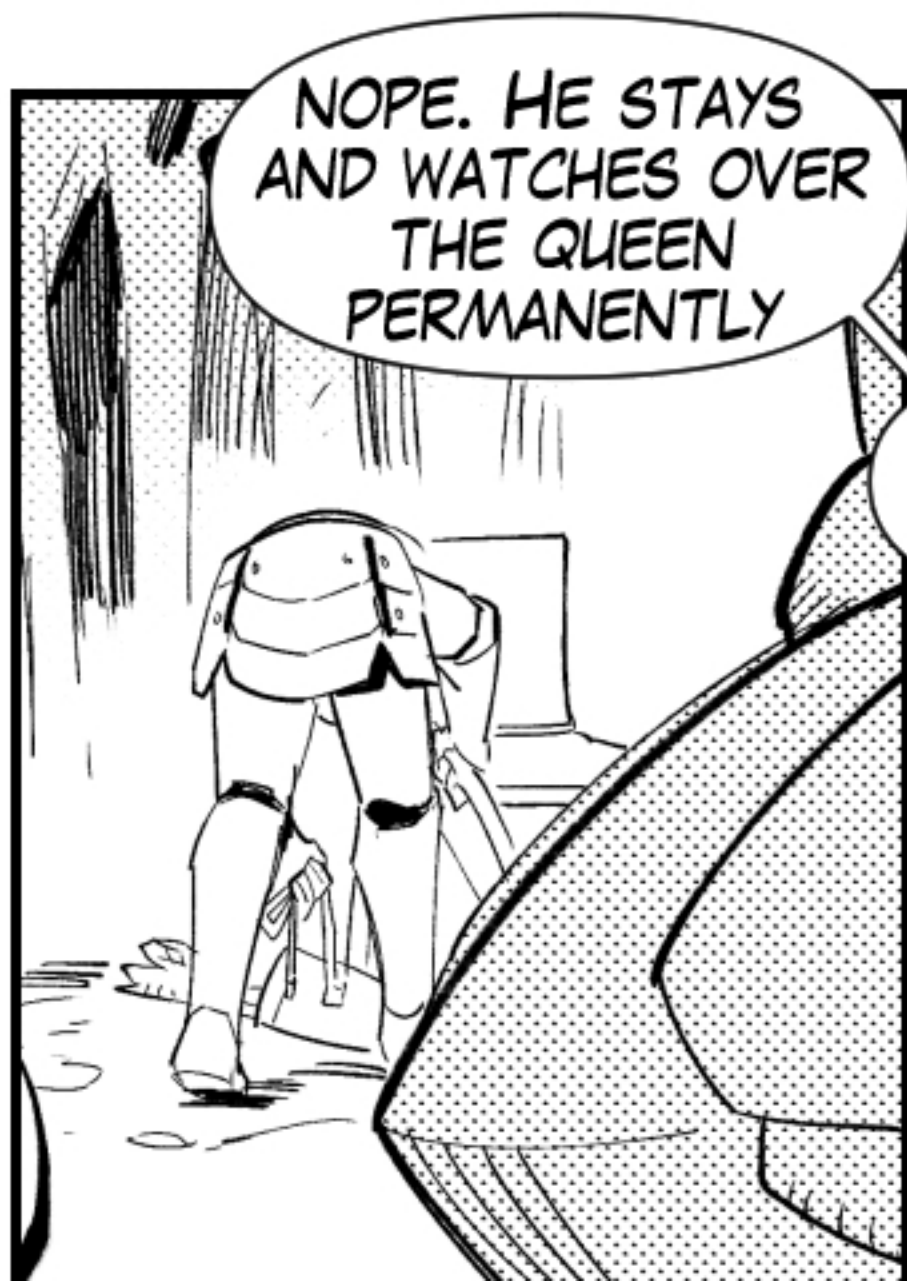
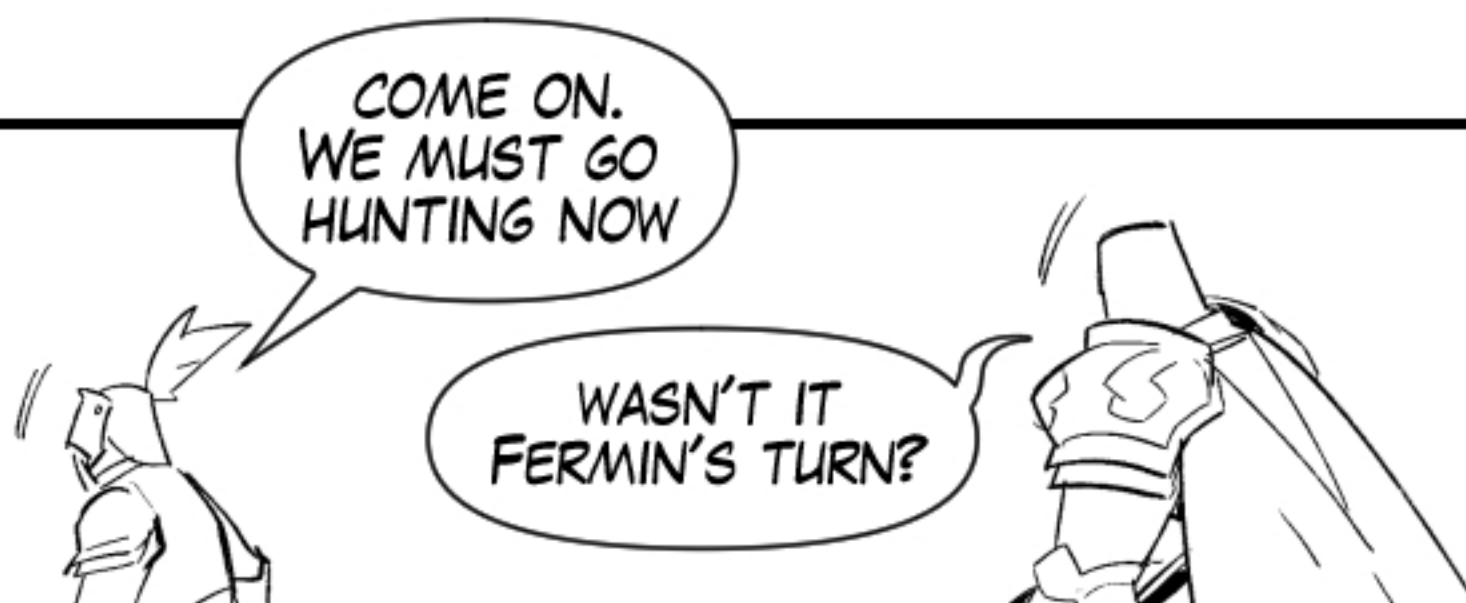
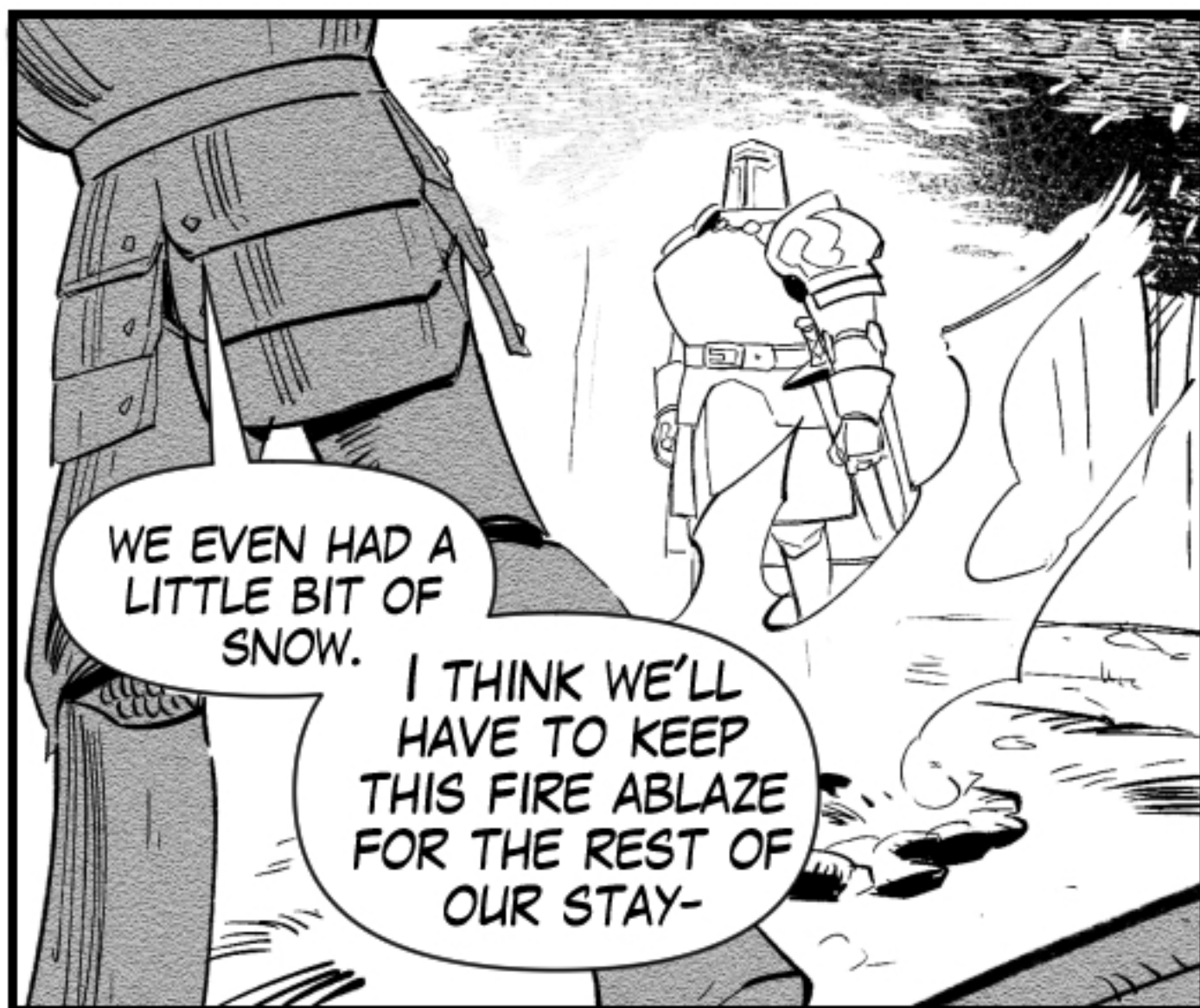


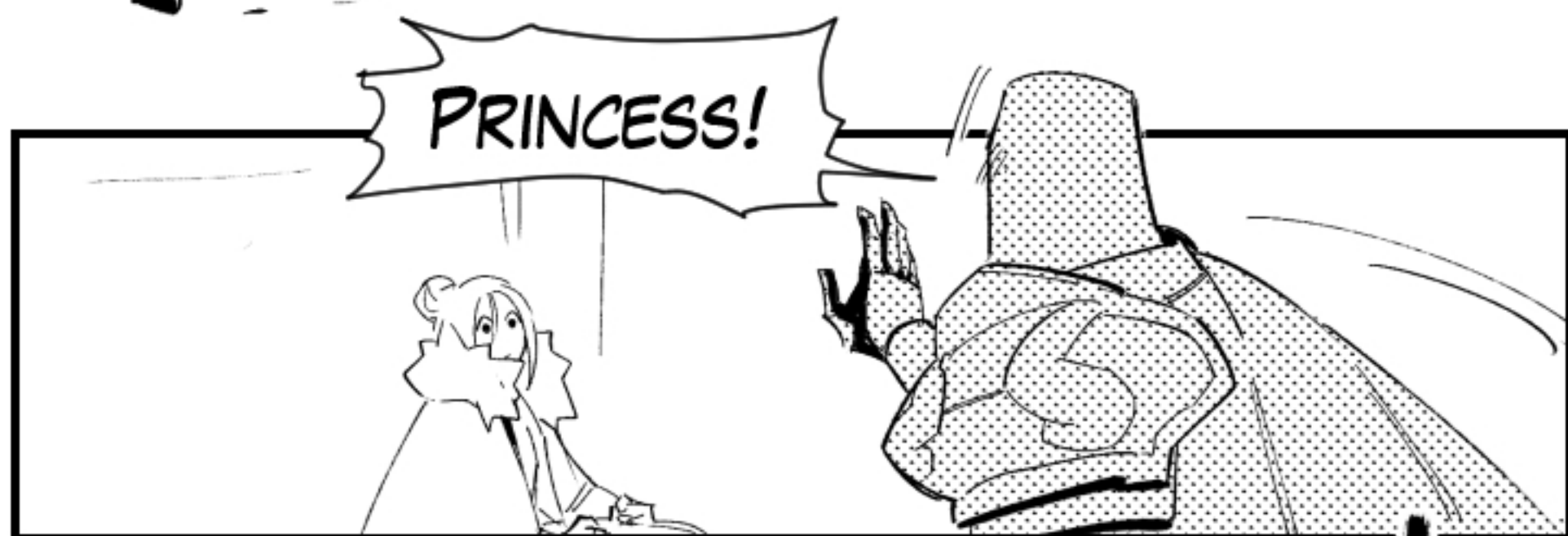
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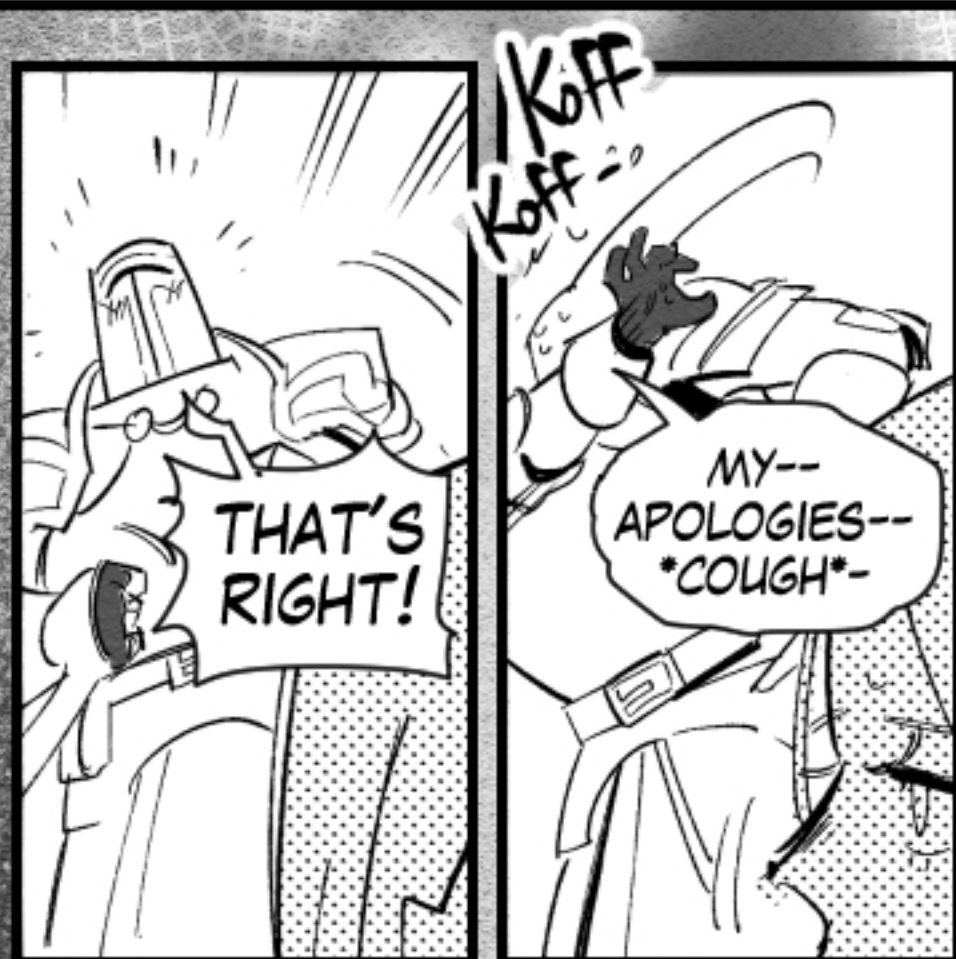
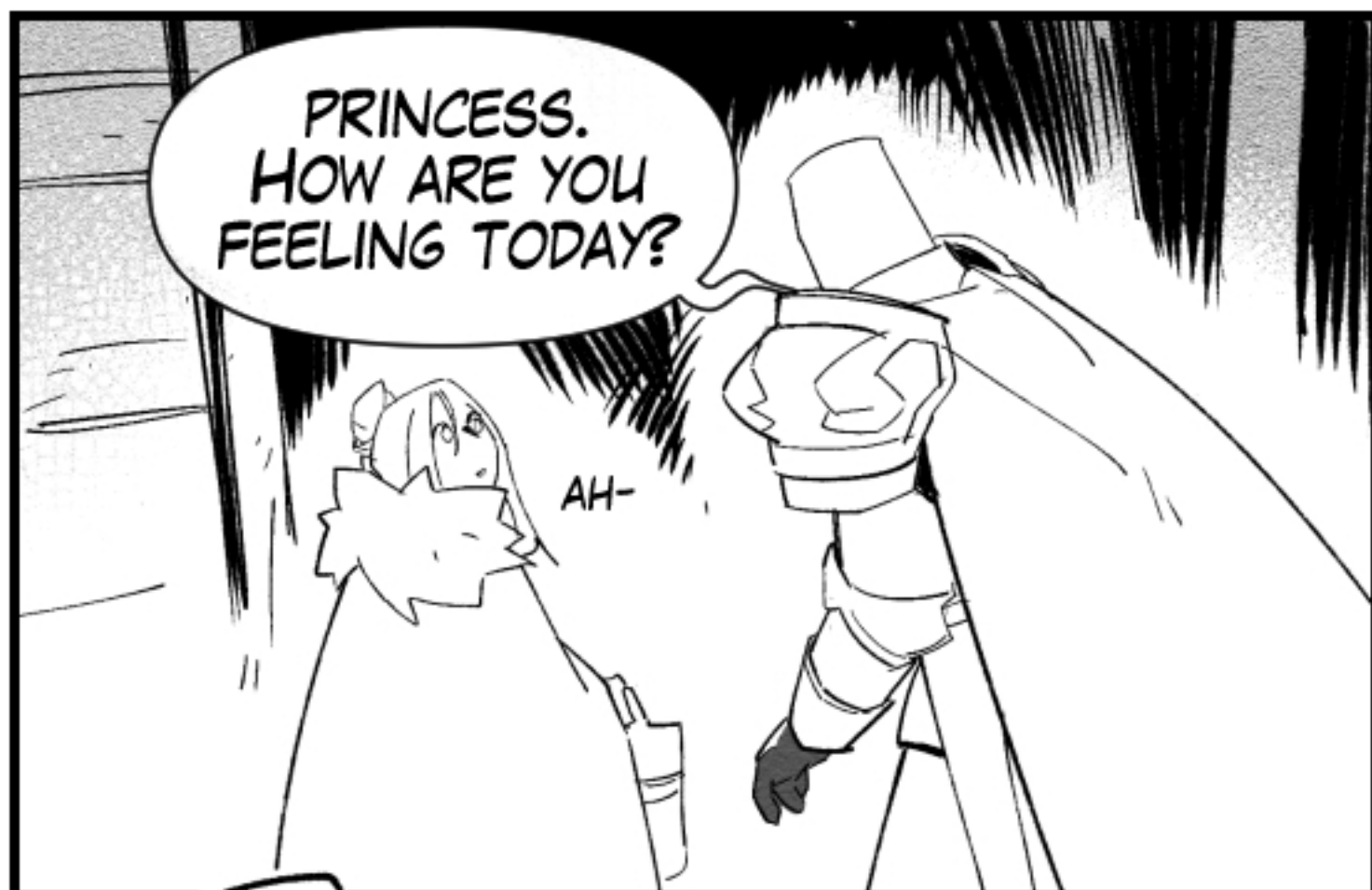
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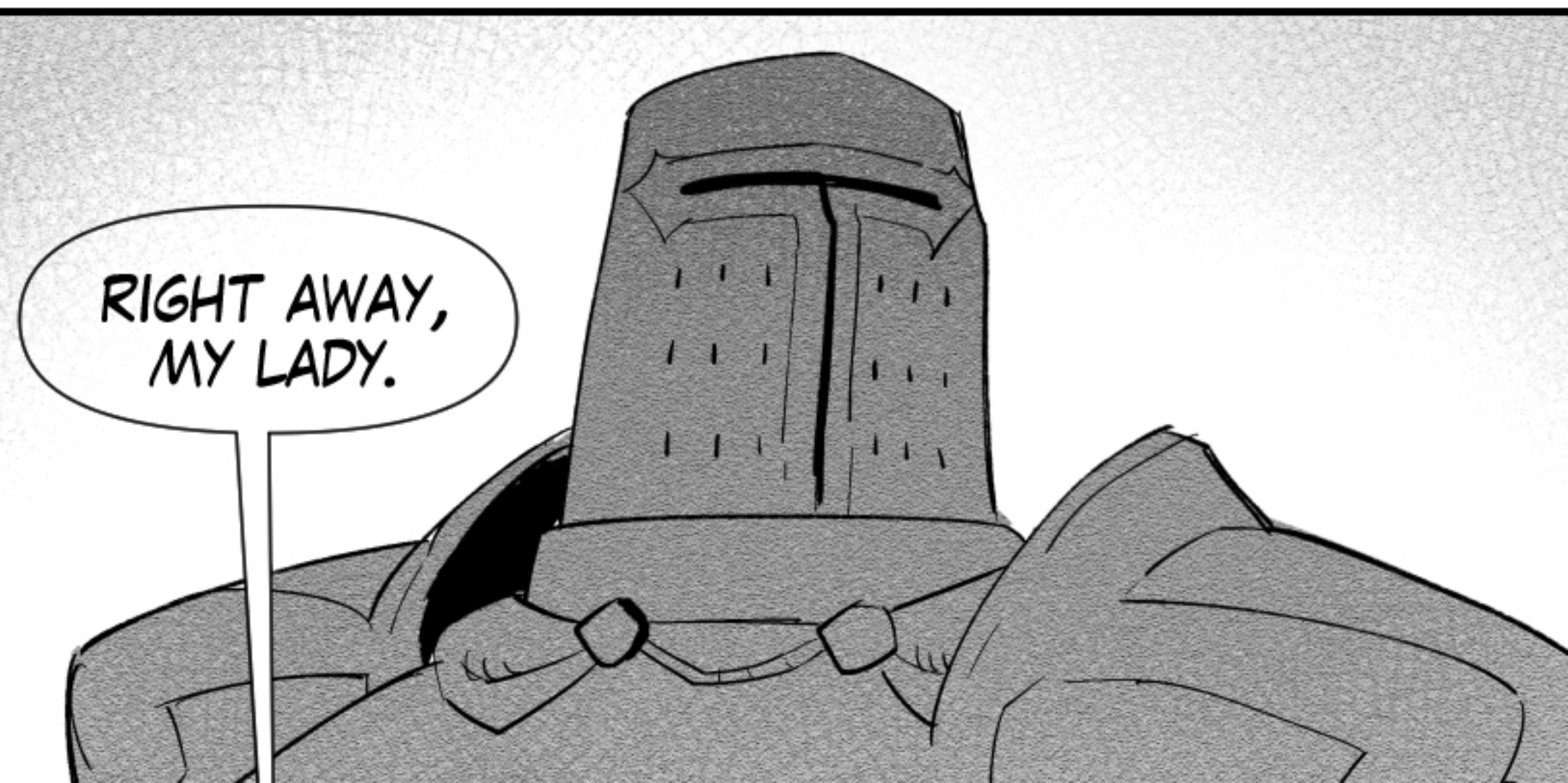
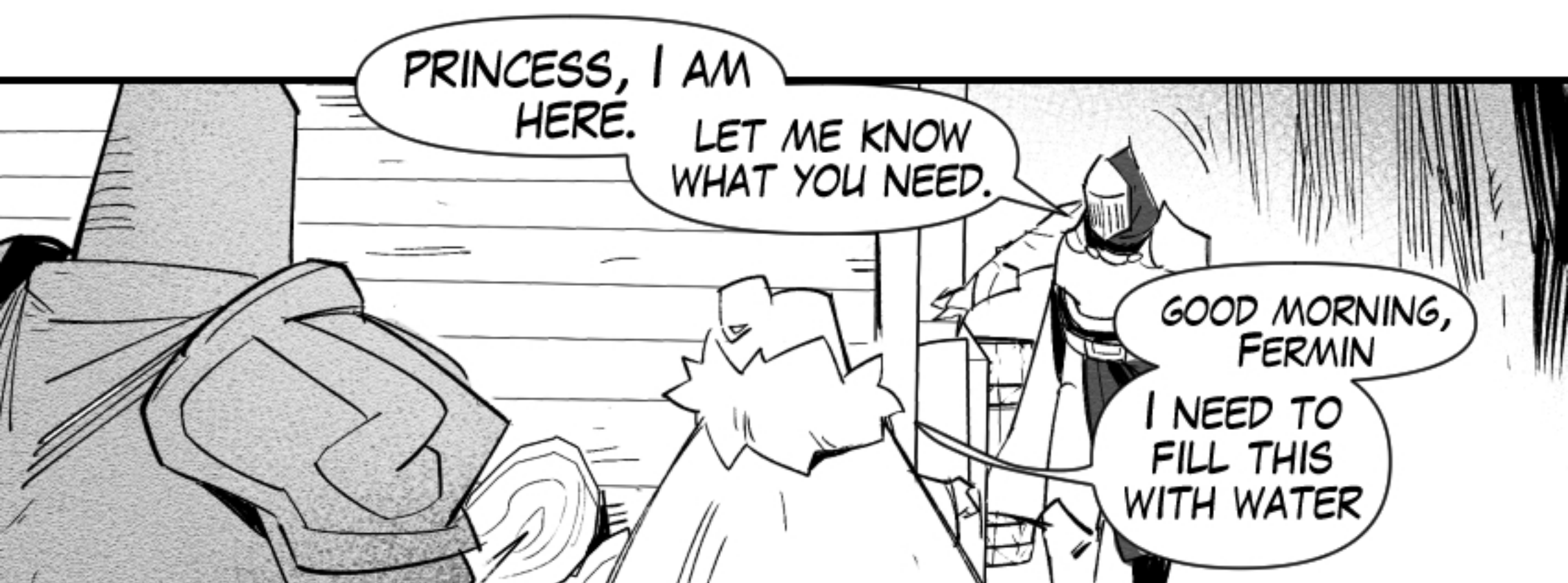
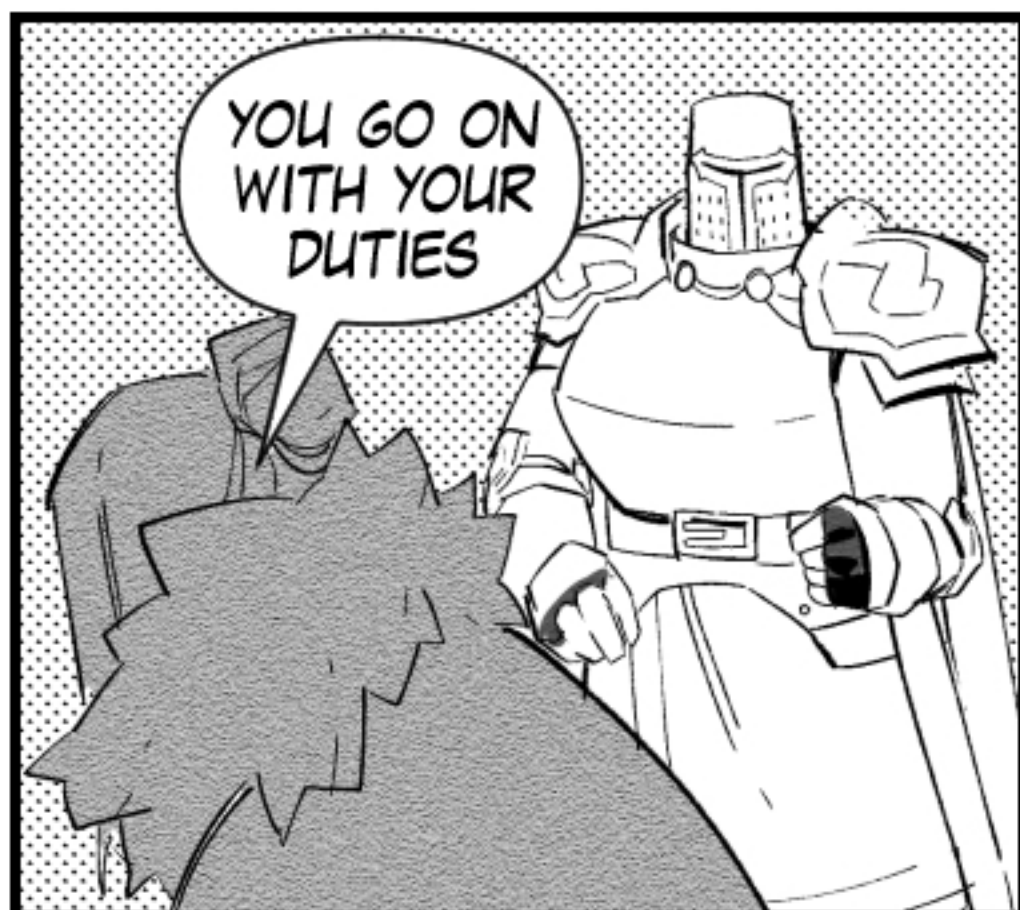
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NO
IMPROVEMENTS
*AHEM











RICARD. WHY ARE YOU STILL
STANDING HERE?

IF YOU TAKE TOO
LONG, IT WILL GET
LATE. HURRY.

